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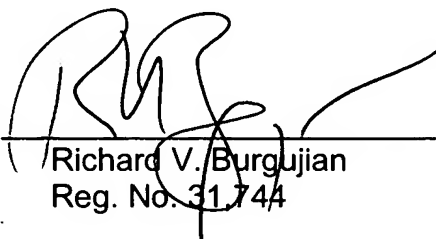
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		KIHARA et al., "Maintenance Technique Using RBI/RBM," Nippon Kogyo Publishing (December 2000), pp. 76-79, and English-language translation thereof	

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